

## **North Carolina Moving Ahead!**

N.C. Moving Ahead! is a bold two-year initiative enacted that allows people, goods, and dollars to move more efficiently through our state by investing \$700 million in three critical areas; maintenance, modernization and public transportation. The program increases the highway maintenance and preservation budget by nearly 45 percent. This allows NCDOT to resurface and rehabilitate highways across the state in rural and urban areas. It increases highway modernization by 25 percent through the improvements such as widening lanes and shoulders, building turn lanes, improving intersections, replacing substandard bridges and upgrading traffic signal systems across the state. The program also increases the funding for public transportation by about 25 percent, which allows NCDOT to help fund regional rail systems in the Charlotte metro area, the Triangle and Triad and to modernize the aging public transportation infrastructure across the state.

### **Caldwell County Project List for the Moving Ahead Program**

**US 321 (Hickory Boulevard)** - From the Burke County Line to US 64/NC 18-90 in Lenoir - construct directional leftovers and close other crossovers at an estimated cost of \$2,500,500.

**SR 1178 (Hibriten Drive)** - From NC 18 to the new McLean Drive Extension - widen pavement to 24 feet with paved shoulders/ditches and make safety improvements at an estimated cost of \$400,000.

**SR 1002 (Dudley Shoals Road)** - From the intersection of Grace Chapel Road (SR 1751) and Peach Orchard Road (SR 1752) - realign intersections at as cost of \$500,000.

**NC 90** - Improve typical section in rock cuts north of Collettsville at a cost of \$500,000.

**SR 1109 (Pinewood Drive)** - From US 321-A to east of Shamrock Heights (SR 1252) - widen pavement with turn lanes at US 321-A and SR 1252 and install signals at the intersections of Pinewood Drive at US 321-A and SR 1109 at SR 1252 at a cost of \$500,000.

**SR 1325 (Hartland Road)** - Replace Bridge #20 - 0.10 miles west of Brown Mtn. Beach Road (SR 1328) on SR 1325 over Celia Creek at a cost of \$350,000.

**SR 1127 (Horseshoe Bend Road)** - Replace Bridge #188 - 0.20 miles north of Hudson-Cajah Mtn. Road (SR 1131) on SR 1127 over the Little Gunpowder Creek at a cost of \$350,000.

## **Conversion of the Lenoir CBD Streets to Two-Way Operation**

The following is a letter written by former Division Engineer, Carl McCann, P.E. to former City Manager, James H. Hipp summarizing plans for the conversion of the one-way Lenoir Central Business District streets back to two-way operation.